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TYPES OF ADVISORIES

Bulletin

Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

Elevated Alert

Warns of a credible terrorism threat against the United States.

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Warns of a credible, specific and impending terrorism threat against the United States.

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This monthly newsletter is published to increase NASA personnel awareness of significant current issues related to counterintelligence, counterterrorism, and counterintelligence cyber matters. To learn more about CI/CT awareness, or to schedule a CI/CT presentation, please contact the CI POC located on the last page.

Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:

IRAN STILL TOP STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM, U.S. REPORT SAYS

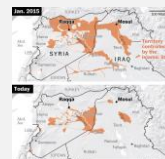


Iran continues to be the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, the Trump administration said in a new report that also noted a decline in the number of terrorist attacks globally between 2015 and 2016.

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/iran-still-top-state-sponsor-terrorism-u-s-report-says/>

TOUGH BATTLES STILL REMAIN TO BE FOUGHT AGAINST ISIS

The battle of Mosul is over, but the war against the Islamic State is far from done. The militants have lost some 60 percent of the territory they controlled at the peak of their expansion, but that leaves a sizable area, mostly in Syria but also Iraq, to be recaptured.



<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/07/16/here-are-some-of-the-toughest-battles-still-to-be-fought-against-isis/>

A BATTERED DAESH / ISIS GROWS EVER MORE DEPENDENT ON “Lone Wolves”



As an act of terrorism, the June 20 terrorist attempt in Brussels was a merciful failure. Yet it also bore hallmarks that are becoming increasingly familiar to Western officials who monitor attacks by the terrorist group in countries around the globe: simple plots, crude weapons and inexperienced perpetrators who act alone, without apparent direction or training.

<http://www.terrorismwatch.org/2017/07/a-battered-daesh-isis-grows-ever-more.html#/2017/07/a-battered-daesh-isis-grows-ever-more.html>

Significant Counterintelligence Issues:

BELJING NETWORKS IN U.S. MANUEVER UP TO 25,000 SPIES

Beijing's spy networks in the United States include up to 25,000 Chinese intelligence officers and more than 15,000 recruited agents who have stepped up offensive spying activities since 2012, according to a Chinese dissident with close ties to Beijing's military and intelligence establishment.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jul/11/beijing-networks-us-maneuver-25000-spies/>





RUSSIA, CHINA UNDERMINING U.S.



Russia and China are working against the United States around the world, according to a new Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) report. “Moscow and Beijing share a common interest in weakening U.S. global influence and are actively cooperating in that regard.”

http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jul/12/inside-the-ring-russia-china-undermining-us/?utm_source=360Works%20CloudMail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsWatch

RUSSIA STEPS UP SPYING EFFORTS AFTER ELECTION

Russian spies are ramping up their intelligence-gathering efforts in the US, according to current and former US intelligence officials who say they have noticed an increase since the election. The officials say they believe one of the biggest US adversaries feels emboldened by the lack of a significant retaliatory response from both administrations.



<http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/06/politics/russia-steps-up-spying-efforts-after-election/index.html>

Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

As the battle for the heart of ISIS (Raqqa) rages, ISIS as an organization continues to make plans to continue its struggle. As seen in the last two months, ISIS operatives have continued their attacks in Afghanistan, Libya and the Philippines. Western intelligence services have noted an increased flow of returning ISIS fighters from the Middle East, including those believed to be capable of suicide attacks. Although the overall number of terrorist attacks have fallen in the past year, the attacks have become far more deadly. Multiple intelligence reports indicate that Al-Qaeda (AQ) and its affiliates (AQIM, AQAP, Jabhat Fateh Al-Sham and others) have reaped the benefit of the West’s concentration on ISIS and still pose a considerable threat to the United States. Chinese and Russian espionage operations have increased in the past two years, targeting the United States and its technology, along with any available sensitive information that could further their economies or their political goals worldwide. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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